

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The undersigned wishes to thank the examiner and her supervisor for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview with the undersigned on July 28, 2011. During the telephone interview, the parties discussed withdrawing the application from appeal for the purposes of having the foregoing amendments to independent claims 1 and 46 considered. By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 46 have been amended and new dependent claims 74 and 75 have been added. No new matter has been added. This Amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider the foregoing amendment to the claims.

During the aforementioned telephone interview the parties discussed U.S. Patent No. 6,291,839 (Lester). Specifically, it was pointed out by the undersigned that, to the extent Lester may, *arguably*, disclose convex elevations (*see, e.g.*, Fig. 1 of Lester, etc.), such elevations are not separate from each other. It was agreed that claims 1 and 46 could be further distinguished from Lester by amending those claims to state “each said convex elevation having an upper surface that is not contiguous with an upper surface of an adjacent elevation”. Support for this amendment can be found at least in Figs. 1 and 7 and the accompanying text of the subject application. It was agreed that such an amendment would distinguish claims 1 and 46 from Lester. As a result, the features in the last two lines of claims 1 and 46 were deleted and moved to respective dependent claims 74 and 75.

It is believed that there are no other outstanding issues and that the application, as currently amended, is now in condition for immediate allowance.

If any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 503111.

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